

**Business Enterprise Program Council for Minorities,  
Females, and Persons with Disabilities Meeting**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Monthly Council Meeting  
Location: Video Conference Room 2-025  
James R. Thompson Center  
100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois**

**Monday, August 24, 2009 1:00 p.m.**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Issa Lozada  
Curtis Thompson  
Edward Stanfield  
Florence Cox  
Debra Matlock  
Hedy Ratner  
Lynne Turner  
Darryl Harris (via video conference)  
Ray Arias

**COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Letitia Herrera  
Larry Ivory  
Michael Gonzalez  
Beth Doria  
Phillip Barreda  
Patrick Blair

**COUNCIL CHAIRMAN**

James P. Sledge, CMS/ Director

**ACTING COUNCIL SECRETARY**

Elias Ricks Ngwayah II, CMS/BEP

**CMS STAFF IN ATTENDANCE**

Scott Seder, CMS/ Deputy Chief of Operations Officer  
Yvette Riley, CMS/BEP  
Harry Reinhard, CMS/BEP  
Gladys Rodriquez, CMS/BEP  
Leslie Taylor, CMS/BEP

**CMS STAFF NOT IN ATTENDANCE**

Lynn Carter CMS/Legal

**OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

Meghan Paulas, Attorney for Human Rights Commission  
Sharron Matthews, Assistant Director for Healthcare and Family Services

## **AGENDA**

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER
- 2.0 ROLL CALL
- 3.0 APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD  
ON July 27, 2009
- 4.0 CHAIR'S REPORT
- 5.0 POSTED BUSINESS
  - 5.1 Heath Care Initiative Presentation from Sharron Matthews
  - 5.2 Disparity Study Oversight Committee Representative
- 6.0 UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - 6.1 Committee Updates
    - A. Exemption/Compliance Committee
    - B. Bonding Committee
    - C. Professional Services
- 7.0 NEW BUSINESS
- 8.0 FULL COUNCIL APPEAL
  - National Certified Balancing, Inc
- 9.0 ADJOURNMENT

## **CALLED TO ORDER**

James P. Sledge, Director for Illinois Department of Central Management Services, called the Business Enterprise Program Council meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

Elias Ricks Ngwayah II, Acting Business Enterprise Council Secretary, took roll call.

## **INTRODUCTION**

Chair James Sledge advised the Council that the Director's office of Central Management Services in conjunction with the Governor's office continues to search and interview potential candidates to assume the role of Deputy Director for the Business Enterprise Program.

## **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF July 27, 2009**

The minutes of the Council meeting held July 27<sup>th</sup> were motioned for approval by Edward Stanfield and seconded by Curtis Thompson. The minutes were approved by the remaining members of the Council. No opposition nor abstentions.

## **2009 COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The upcoming BEP Council meetings will be scheduled for the fourth Monday of each month, from 1:00 PM. to 3:00 PM. The remaining Council meetings for 2009 are as follows:

28<sup>th</sup> September 2009 – JRTC, Room 2-025  
26<sup>th</sup> October 2009 – JRTC, Room 2-025  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 – JRTC, Room 2-025  
28<sup>th</sup> December 2009 – JRTC, Room 2-025

## **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair James Sledge yielded the floor to Scott Seder, Deputy Chief of Operations Officer to report on Senate Bill 51.

Mr. Seder advised the Council that Senate Bill 51 was presented to the Governor's office for signature approval. The Governor filed an amendatory veto this week to the language of the Bill. October veto session will determine if the legislature accepts changes or overrides the changes. In addition, the language of the amendatory veto will not change the original language in Senate Bill 51 that impacts BEP.

Mr. Seder accommodated feedback and questions from the Council.

### Council Appointment Terms:

Chair James Sledge stated he received a number of emails from members of the Council for re-appointment. Council emails were forward to the Governor's office. Members will be abreast on what direction the Governor's office plans to pursue in this matter.

## **POSTED BUSINESS**

### Presentation by Sharron Matthews:

Sharron Matthews presented two (2) federal grant initiatives appropriated to the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services (HFS). She explained each grant in detail and entertained questions and feedback from the Council. Ms. Matthews offered to meet with the Council to talk about the mechanics of the grants and opportunities available to BEP vendors.

HFS federal grant initiatives are as follows:

### Illinois Health Information Exchange Planning Grant (HIE):

- On February 4, 2009, Governor Pat Quinn signed Senate Bill 11 appropriating \$3 million to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services. HIE is the use of electronic medical records and e-prescribing to assist medical providers in understanding a patients full medical history. The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act dedicated more than \$20 billion across the country in federal funding to implement electronic health records and health data exchange by 2014.

#### Illinois Medicaid Infrastructure Grant:

- HFS is working with DHS and DCEO on the Illinois Medicaid Infrastructure Grant. Total grant amount, \$65,000. The grant includes a requirement to increase employment for disabled individuals, including self-employment (PBE's). All three state agencies established a Strategic Planning Leadership Committee (SPLC) comprised of twenty-six individuals representing each of these sectors.
- Illinois Medicaid Infrastructure grant will influence disabled veterans. Senate Bill 206, Section 45-57 Disabled veterans (30 ILCS 500/45-57).

#### Disparity Study Oversight Committee Representative:

Chair James Sledge yielded the floor to Elis Ricks Ngwayah II.

Acting Business Enterprise Council Secretary, Elias Ricks Ngwayah and Meaghan Paulas from Human Rights Commission informed the Council that they had spoken with Denise Martinez, Project Manager for the Disparity Study from the Governor's office. Ms. Martinez wishes for a Business Enterprise Council member to represent on the oversight committee.

There was an open floor discussion by Chair James Sledge and members on the oversight committee.

Florence Cox, Issa Lozada and Sharron Matthews shared their insight and participation on the committee. Ms. Cox enlightens the Council that she and Beth Doria had attended community meetings and her understanding was that the majority of the work for the Study is complete.

Ms. Lozada represents IDOT on the oversight committee and does the Spanish translation. Ms. Lozada provided the Council with location and dates of upcoming meetings. Translation reports are available to the Council upon request.

#### Action Items:

- CMS/BEP will forward Denise Martinez names of Council members to represent on the oversight committee. Representation needed for the goods and services and professional services side of the contract. IDOT and Toll Highway Authority will cover the construction side.
- Denise Martinez will attend next month's meeting to define the function and purpose of the oversight committee.
- Mason Tillman, prime contractor for the Study will attend next month's meeting to provide a progress report.

#### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chair James Sledge called for committee updates.

##### 1. Exemption/Compliance Committee

- Committee had no updates or changes to their report since the April 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

##### 2. Bonding Committee

- Committee had no updates or changes to their report since the July 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

### 3. Professional Services Committee

- No report

### **FULL COUNCIL APPEAL**

#### Findings:

The reason for the denial for cause of the certification was lack of control, no financial contribution to startup firm, dependence on non-eligible party and lack of FBE control of Board of Directors.

#### Decision of Appeal:

CMS/Business Enterprise Program denies FBE Certification to National Certified Balancing, Inc. The appeal was motioned by Hedy Ratner and seconded by Florence Cox, and unanimously agreed upon by the Council pursuant to the Illinois Administrative Rule Title 44 Section 10.70 which governs the appeal process. No opposition nor abstentions.

### **NEXT STEPS**

- Denise Martinez, Project Manager for the disparity study will be invited to next month meeting
- Mason Tillman will be invited to next month meeting
- Chair James Sledge will inform the members of their re-appointments when notified by the Governor's Office.
- Chair James Sledge gave special thanks to Sharron Matthews for her presentation to the Council . Sharron Matthews will meet with members to discuss the mechanics of the federal grants and opportunities available to BEP vendors.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:16 p.m.